

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-31. (Canceled).

32. (Withdrawn) A method of high frequency operation in an integrated circuit, said method comprising:

accessing charge stored in a capacitor comprising a plurality of deep n well regions formed in an epitaxy region of said integrated circuit; and

coupling said charge to a transistor device of said integrated circuit enabling switching at said high frequency.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32 wherein said capacitor further comprises bulk p + material.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32 wherein said capacitor further comprises a p well.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32 wherein said coupling is parasitic.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32 wherein said plurality of deep n well regions comprise substantially parallel stripes.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32 wherein said plurality of deep n well regions comprise a grid.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32 wherein said plurality of deep n well regions comprise more than one layer of deep n well.

39. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:

a plurality of transistors having a principal operating voltage;

a deep n well capacitor structure comprising;

a deep n well segmented into a plurality of substructures proximate each one of said plurality of transistors, wherein n-type material of said deep n well is coupled to said principal operating voltage;

~~p-type material~~ a p region substantially surrounding said deep n well, ~~and~~
wherein p-type material of said p region is coupled to a ground reference; and

a separation well disposed between said plurality of substructures and between
said p-type material beneath said deep n-well and above said deep n-well, wherein a
doping concentration of said separation well is greater than said p-type material
substantially surrounding said deep n well.

40. (Canceled).

41. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 39 comprising a plurality of said
deep n wells.

42. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of Claim 39 wherein said deep n
well is parasitically coupled to said principal operating voltage.

43-44. (Canceled).

45. (Currently Amended) The integrated circuit of Claim 39 ~~wherein said p-type material comprises further comprising a p well coupled to said p region.~~

46. (Currently Amended) The integrated circuit of Claim 45 wherein said p well ~~is at~~ extends to substantially a same depth as said deep n well.

47. (Withdrawn) An integrated circuit comprising:

a first deep n well at a first depth to supply on-chip decoupling capacitance; and

a second deep n well at a second depth to supply on-chip decoupling capacitance.

48. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 47 wherein said first and said second deep n wells are coupled together.

49. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 47 further comprising a plurality of transistors having a principal operating voltage and wherein said first and said second deep n wells are coupled to said principal operating voltage of said plurality of transistors of said integrated circuit.

50. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 47 wherein said first and said second deep n wells are coupled to a ground reference for said integrated circuit.

51. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 47 wherein said first and said second deep n wells are substantially surrounded by p type material.

52. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 47 wherein said first and said second deep n wells are formed with the same process mask.

53. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 51 wherein said first and said second deep n wells substantially surrounded by said p type material to form a power supply decoupling capacitor.

54. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 47 comprising a p well at substantially said first depth.

55. (Withdrawn) An integrated circuit as described in Claim 47 further comprising a deep p well disposed between said first and said second deep n wells.

56. (Withdrawn) A deep n well capacitor comprising a deep n well region of an integrated circuit, said deep n well coupled to Vdd and ground and has a surface area selected to provide a specified amount of capacitance.

57. (Withdrawn) The deep n well capacitor of Claim 56 further comprising a plurality of deep n well regions coupled together.

58. (Withdrawn) The deep n well capacitor of Claim 57 wherein said plurality of deep n well regions are substantially parallel.

59. (Withdrawn) The deep n well capacitor of Claim 57 wherein said plurality of deep n well regions comprise deep n well regions at different depths of said integrated circuit.

60. (Withdrawn) The deep n well capacitor of Claim 57 comprising a plurality of p well regions at substantially the same depth as said plurality of deep n well regions and wherein said plurality of p well regions are disposed between said plurality of deep n well regions.

61. (Withdrawn) The deep n well capacitor of Claim 56 wherein said deep n well region is substantially surrounded by p type material.

62. (Withdrawn) The deep n well capacitor of Claim 56 wherein said deep n well region is parasitically coupled to said Vdd.

63. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of Claim 39, wherein said deep n well capacitor structure has a surface area selected to provide a specified amount of decoupling capacitance between one or more of said plurality of transistors and said principal operating voltage.

64. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of Claim 39, wherein a plurality of gaps between said plurality of substructures do not close under bias conditions.

65. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of Claim 39, wherein said plurality of substructures provide connectivity between said p-type material beneath said deep n-well and above said deep n-well.

66. (Canceled).

67. (Currently Amended) The integrated circuit of Claim 39, wherein said separation well ~~increase-increases~~ coupling between said p-type material beneath said deep n-well and above said deep n-well.

68. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 41, further comprising an interlayer coupling between said plurality of deep n-wells.

69. (Previously Presented) An integrated circuit comprising:
one or more wells of a first conductivity type;
one or more wells of a second conductivity type;
a first plurality of transistors within said one or more wells of a first conductivity type;
a second plurality of transistors within said one or more wells of a second conductivity type;
a deep well of a second conductivity type disposed between said one or more wells of said first conductivity type and a substrate of said first conductivity type, wherein said deep well includes a plurality of substructures having a plurality of gaps wherein said one or more wells of said first conductivity type are coupled to said substrate; and

a separation well of said first conductivity type disposed within one or more of said gaps and coupling said one or more wells of said first conductivity type to said substrate, wherein a doping concentration of said separation well is greater than said one or more wells of said first conductivity type and said substrate.

70. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of claim 69, wherein a principal operating potential is coupled between said deep well and said substrate.

71. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of Claim 69, wherein said deep well is further disposed between said one or more wells of said second conductivity type and said substrate, and wherein said deep well further includes a plurality of substructures having a second plurality of gaps wherein said one or more wells of said second conductivity type are adjacent to said substrate.

72. (Canceled).

73. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit of Claim 69, further comprising:
one or more additional wells of said first conductivity type;
one or more additional wells of said second conductivity type; and

a second deep well of said second conductivity type disposed between said one or more additional wells of said first and second conductivity type and said substrate, wherein said one or more additional wells of said first conductivity type are isolated from said substrate by said second deep well.

74. (Withdrawn) The integrated circuit of Claim 69, further comprising:

one or more additional wells of said first conductivity type;

one or more additional wells of said second conductivity type;

a second deep well of said second conductivity type disposed between said one or more additional wells of said first and second conductivity type and said substrate, wherein said one or more additional wells of said first conductivity type are isolated from said substrate by said second deep well;

a third deep well of said second conductivity type disposed beneath said first and second deep wells and substantially surrounded by said substrate, wherein said third deep well includes a plurality of substructures having said substrate disposed within said gaps between said plurality of substructures; and

an interlayer well of said second conductivity type coupling said deep well to said third deep well.